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Farmer's Institute — Large Attendance
—Rev. Olmstead on Gen. Putnam
—Farming for a Purpose—Other Good Speakers.

Something over 400 gentlemen and ladies from this town, Westport, Milford, Nichols, Canaan, Southport, and other places, assembled yesterday at the Greenfield Country Club house to attend the seventh annual Farmer's Institute meeting. At 11 o'clock in the morning Mr. N. H. Sherwood, the president, called the meeting to order. He said it was a year within a day since the meeting of the last institute, and therefore they were one day ahead of the game, and one day too late for St. Patrick's. The first number on the program was a piccolo solo, "Starting Flocks," by Mr. William S. Fallon, which proved to be a brilliant and successful performance. While the people were assembling in the great hall of the club house there was a musical trio by Mr. Simon D. Bradley on the violin, Mr. Fallon on the piccolo, and a piano accompaniment. This was followed by an address by Rev. E. H. Olmstead, the new pastor of the Greenfield Hill Congregational church. He said he proposed to speak of a Connecticut farmer whom the nation had delighted to know, and who had reached a rank next to that of Washington, and nine years from now the state and the nation will celebrate the 300th anniversary of his birth. He bought a piece of land near Pomfret, from Gov. Belcher, and in two years had cleared off all his indebtedness. He introduced the best apple trees in the state, especially the Baldwin; and he set out great rows of shade trees by the roadside, which can be seen to this day. Mr. Olmstead said he would try to be fair in his estimate of the man. He had searched the records of Yale university, and other sources of information. Let us look at some of the incidents of his life. The current story of Putnam in the wolf's den was retold and discounted as improbable and showing many interior evidences of being a fake. It was not printed until 40 years after the occurrence is said to have happened, and was written by a Tory preacher who was a notorious liar. He was commissioned a Captain by the Assembly of Connecticut in the French and Indian wars, and one of his characteristics was the great regard he had for the common soldier. He was active at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and one of his exclamations was: "For God's sake save Maj. Small, I love him as I do my brother." He was kind to both friends and enemies. He spoke of the battle of Ticonderoga, where Gen. Howe lost his life. It was on that field that Putnam gave his famous address to his enemies who had been wounded as he did to his own men. He was at the battle of Princeton, where he took a Scotchman named Anderson. The Scotchman was astonished at the kindness of the general and found it hard to believe he was a Yankee. Many other incidents of his kindness and humanity were related. It is told of him that he never stopped to change his coat when he heard of the battle of the Clouds. He left his plough in the furrow and started at once for the war. Gen. Gage admired the man so much that he offered him a high position in the British army if he would desert the American cause. He spurned the offer. He made his mistakes, said Mr. Olmstead, as all do. But it is better to have a swollen head than a shrunken brain, said Mr. Olmstead. He became a member of the Congregational church in Brooklyn, Conn., and died in 1790, aged 72. Mr. Olmstead remarked that the then pastor of the Greenfield Hill church where he now worshipped, Rev. Timothy Dwight, wrote the epitaph which was inscribed upon the old headstone and which has been copied upon the new monument raised to his memory.

The next address was by Mr. R. N. Penny, a resident of Greens Farms, who makes a specialty of raising cauliflower. He spoke upon "Farming for a Purpose." He regarded it as an honor to talk anywhere on farming—just plain farming, if I can do this to the advantage of the farmer, said that I have done a little good for a purpose. He said that dollars and cents are not all there is in farming; if that is the only object one has he will make a failure of the business. A good farmer should make a good citizen, have a good home, and a happy life at home. He considered Connecticut to be one of the best possibilities for specialized farming of any kind to be found in the Union. Anything that will grow on Long Island will grow better in Connecticut. Mr. Penny came from a Long Island farm. He said he had owned a Connecticut farm for three years and had learned a good deal in that time. Men in this state are doing stunts in growing vegetables, fruits, melons and everything. Peas are being accomplished at Greens Farms which five years ago I thought impossible. He alluded to the Meigs and the melons they raised to L. P. Wakeman and the spinach he produces which cannot be equalled anywhere; to Mr. N. H. Sherwood, and his successful greenhouse work; to Mr. Taylor who is doing fine work, and to Mr. W. H. Burr, who is doing stunts in his hot house which cannot be done on Long Island. He said that potatoes outrank all other

vegetables—they grow a larger crop per acre. To succeed one must keep the land in good shape and increase its fertility, and keep in mind the work done by experiment stations. Rotation of crops is a great benefit. It was found by French farmers who grow sugar beets, that by constant cultivation on the same land the sugar content fell from 23 per cent to 14. No amount of fertilization would restore this. But when a crop of wheat had been grown on the land, the sugar content of the beets rose to its normal. So on Long Island they grow wheat to bring up the crop of potatoes. Twenty years ago the crop was 120 bushels to the acre; now 350 to 400 bushels are raised. The value of the potato crop has increased as the crop has increased. Mr. Penny said Connecticut seems like a new country, and he feels young because of the good people he lives among. He thought some of the beauty of the town had got into the dispositions of the inhabitants. He said one must farm with the head as well as the arms. A man can get just as much out of the farm with the same energy and interest in other business. He would save and conserve the natural fertility of the land. Work and plant as if you expect to live 100 years, now 30 to 40 to-morrow. Much more of a practical and interesting nature was said.

The other speakers at the institute were Prof. F. H. Stodburn, Storrs college, on "Poultry Culture in New England"; Mrs. Estella St. John of Canaan on "Little Things"; and Mr. George H. May on "Theories of the Will Not Work." Mrs. William E. Hulse sang a number of songs in a delightful manner and was much applauded. The ladies of the institute served a very bountiful lunch at 12:30. Some 200 people sitting down to the tables. Altogether the institute was one of the most successful yet held.

ASHCROFT-LYON.

MARRIAGE OF MARK TWAIN'S BUSINESS AGENT AND HIS SECRETARY.

A wedding of much local interest took place in New York yesterday, when Miss Isabel Van Kleeck Lyon became the bride of Ralph W. Ashcroft. Miss Lyon, who is a daughter of Mrs. G. V. Lyon of Farmington, is Mark Twain's secretary and a director of the Mark Twain Company, (Inc.), and in taking out the license her age was given as 34. Her husband, Mr. Ashcroft, is 34 years old and lives in Brooklyn. He is also a director of the Mark Twain Company and is business agent for Samuel L. Clemens. The marriage took place at noon in the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Percy Stekney Grant officiating. Mr. Clemens and his daughter, Miss Clara Clemens, were present at the ceremony. Miss Clemens stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft would remain in the company in their respective positions. Mr. Ashcroft was born in England. It is his second marriage, his former wife and three children having died. Mrs. Ashcroft is said to be a woman of rare literary attainments.

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Their Absence Explained. During an acrimonious debate in the house shortly before the civil war Mr. Potter of Wisconsin made some very sharp strictures on Mr. Pryor of Virginia. The result was a challenge from Pryor to fight a duel, which Potter promptly accepted, naming as terms bowie knives at five paces, terms which he well knew Pryor would not dare to accept, as he was a small man, while Potter was a large, powerful man and familiar with the use of the bowie knife. Pryor declined on the ground that the proposed terms were beneath the dignity of a gentleman to accept, and so the matter ended. But on the day following the challenge, while the result was still unknown, both Potter and Pryor were absent during roll call, and when Potter's name was called a Quaker member rose and in a mild voice said, "Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the gentleman from Wisconsin had a Prior engagement." And when Pryor's name was called a moment later he rose again, saying, "Mr. Speaker, I hear that the gentleman from Virginia has gone to be as clay in the hands of the Potter."

Candlelight.

Fall, candlelight, without disparagement to the sun or moon, the kindest luminary of the three, if we may not style thee radiant deputy, mild viceroy of the moon! We love to read, talk, sit silent, eat, drink, sleep by candlelight. They are everybody's sun and moon. This is our peculiar and household planet. By the midnight taper the writer digests his meditations. By the same light we must approach to their perusal if we would catch the flame, the odor. Night and silence call out the stately fancies. Milton's "Morning" hymn in "Paradise" we would hold a good wager, was penned at midnight, and Taylor's rich description of a sunrise smells decidedly of the taper. Even now a loftier speculation than we have attempted courts our endeavors. We would indite something about the solar system. "Betty, bring the candles."—Charles Lamb.

A Useful Model.

An English manufacturer of pottery is the subject of a joke told in the Liverpool Post. While on a continental tour he purchased a Sevres vase for some hundreds of pounds and brought it home most carefully. Thinking that the foreman of his works might get a hint from the design he called that gentleman in and showed him the treasure. "How do you like it?" he asked. The foreman took the vase in his hand, turned it over and returned it, with a brief reply, "I don't think I can learn much from it." "Why not?" asked the manufacturer. "I don't like telling you, sir." "Come. Out with it." "Well, I designed that vase myself. It is a foreign imitation of our own work and is worth 15 at the outside."

Will Row Till Judgment Day.

There is a shivery, shivery legend among the people who live along the Hudson river which is to the effect that that stream is the everlasting boating waters of a specter who is personified as Rambout Van Dam. Away back in colonial times Rambout and his friends were drinking until late at night. Finally this man Rambout started for home, some distance up the river, in his boat, swearing that he would row the distance if it took "a month of Sundays." Rambout never reached home, and the superstitious people say that he has been condemned to row till judgment day.

His Daughter.

A gentleman who was once stopped by an old man begging replied, "Don't you know, my man, that fortune knocks once at every man's door?" "Yes," said the old man, "he knocked at my door once, but I was out, and ever since then he has sent his daughter."

The Unusual Way.

"Do the Blanks manage to lose their appearance since they lost the greater part of their fortune?" "No. They don't bother about appearances. They just use what little money they have to make themselves comfortable."—Detroit Free Press.

A Change.

Old Gentleman (pointing to lanky youth at his side in the tram car)—How much for this boy—half fare, I suppose? Conductor—Well, no. He looks as if he were kept on half fare at home, and needs a change. Full fare, please.—London Answers.

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